

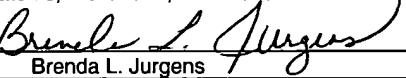
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

**ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as follows: Clean copy below with marked up version in Appendix A.

A screw element with a tool engagement means and a spring element, which is formed on the screw element in one piece in coaxial relationship with the screw axis and which with its free edge defines a workpiece contact plane which is perpendicular to the screw axis and which is at an axial spacing from the screw element, is distinguished in that the spring element is mounted at the periphery of the screw element, that is to say a screw head or a screw nut, it projects radially beyond the periphery and it forms a workpiece contact means which is disposed outside the periphery and which is in concentric relationship with the screw axis.